



Suspensions & Expulsions: Where Are We Now?

School districts reported suspension and expulsion (through 2011-12 school year):

- Collected at the building level, reported by aggregating to the school district level only (no demographics);
- Includes bullying, tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, fighting and violence.

Beginning in 2012-13 school districts will begin reporting this data at the student level:

- Allows us to meet stringent federal reporting requirements more accurately and in a more timely manner;
- Can be linked to gender, ethnicity, or race: Hispanic/Non-Hispanic (ethnicity), Black/African-American, White, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (race), and other student identifiers.



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- **46,394 students suspended/expelled statewide, 5% decrease from prior year**
 - **Bullying (10,592) 23%**
 - **Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs (12,041) 26%**
 - **Fighting and Violence (23,761) 51%**
- **3 of every 10 students impacted by 3 or more adverse childhood experiences (ACES)/traumas (Source: DSHS)**
- **Academic achievement standards are increasing**
- **Under-resourced schools is a reality**
 - **Class size funding repealed**
 - **Loss of funding to provide alternatives to suspension**
 - **Loss of safety and substance abuse prevention/intervention dollars**